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Little Miss Muffet,  
sat on a tuffet,

eating her curds  
and whey.





Along came a  
spider,



who dropped down  
beside her



and frightened Miss  
Muffet away.



“Help!” cried  
Miss Muffet.



She ran from her tuffet

and into the woods  
down below.





“Come back!” called  
the spider.



He rushed off  
to find her.

“I’m sorry for scaring  
you so.”





The little girl sighed.

“Now I’m lost! I’ll be stuck here all night.”

“What a bad place to hide.”





Then she heard  
a deep growl



and an ear-splitting  
howl.

OWWWW OOOOOO!



They gave poor Miss  
Muffet a fright.



A big wolf jumped out.  
He said with a shout,

"It's time for my dinner,  
my dear."





“I’ll have little girl pie!”



“Put her down!” came  
a cry.



“Don’t worry –  
Seb Spider is here.”



The wolf gave a smile.  
“I do like your style.”

But what can you do  
against me?”





“I’ll show you,” said Seb.



He spun a strong web



and tied the bad wolf  
to a tree.



Miss Muffet said, “Seb,  
what a wonderful web.



Now let's go!"



So Seb showed  
her the way.



Now she's friends with  
Seb Spider.

He hangs down  
beside her



and spins for Miss  
Muffet all day.



# PUZZLES

## Puzzle 1

Can you spot the differences between these two pictures?  
There are six to find.





## Puzzle 2

Find these things in  
the picture:

spider

book

tree



web

girl

bird

## Puzzle 3

Choose the best speech bubble  
for each picture.



Put her  
town!

Put her  
down!





# Answers to puzzles

## Puzzle 1



## Puzzle 2



## Puzzle 3



Come back!





# About the rhyme

The original version of *Little Miss Muffet* first appeared in print over two hundred years ago.



Curd is thickened milk used to make cheese.

Whey is a watery liquid made when the milk is thickened.



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a great big spider wants to join her picnic.  
Luckily, he's a friendly fellow who comes to her rescue  
in this charming retelling of the classic nursery rhyme.



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